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**PATENT**

In re Application of:

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 4, 2007**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated January 4, 2007, having a shortened statutory period for response expiring April 4, 2007, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.